

SENATE NO. 2018

AN ACT RELATIVE TO CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled,
And by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 1 of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2000
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended in lines 331 to 335 by striking out the definition of “Child
3 passenger restraint” and inserting in place thereof the following definition:-
4 “Child Passenger restraint”, a specifically designed seating system which meets the U.S.
5 Department of Transportation Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards as established in 49
6 C.F.R. 571.213 which is either permanently affixed to a motor vehicle or is affixed to such
7 vehicle by a safety belt or a universal attachment system.

8 SECTION 2. Section 7AA of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
9 amended by striking out paragraphs 1 and 2 and inserting in place thereof the following new
10 paragraphs:-

11 No child under the age of eight and measuring less than fifty-seven inches in height shall
12 ride as a passenger in a motor vehicle on any way unless such child is properly fastened and
13 secured, according to the manufacturer’s instructions, by a child passenger restraint as defined
14 in section one.

15 No child who is not required to be properly fastened by a child passenger restraint as
16 required by the preceding paragraph, but who is not older than twelve years of age, shall ride as

- 17 a passenger in a motor vehicle on any way unless such child is wearing a safety belt which is
- 18 properly adjusted and fastened according to the manufacturer's instructions.